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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the first action in this application, please amend it as follows:

Substitute the attached one page abstract for the abstract originally filed.

Rewrite the following paragraph at line 1 of page 16 as follows:

-- What is claimed is: --

Rewrite claim 3 as follows:

3 (Amended). A method according to claim 1 characterised by said brake-actuating thrust being generated by a hydraulic piston and cylinder mechanism to which said servo motor supplies hydraulic fluid under pressure.

Rewrite claim 4 as follows:

4 (Amended). A method according to claim 1 characterised by said servo motor being arranged itself to generate said brake-actuating thrust.

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